

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 17 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 17 are rejected. Claims 2-6 are objected to but contain allowable subject matter. By the foregoing amendment, the Applicants have amended claims 1, 8, 10, 14, 16 and 17 and added new claim 18. No new matter is added by the amendments. In view of the foregoing amendments and following discussion, the applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

At page 2 of the Office Action, mailed April 2, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 8 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for various reasons. By the foregoing amendments to claims 8 and 14 the Applicants have overcome these rejections. Accordingly, the Applicants request the rejections be withdrawn.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for various reasons. By the foregoing amendments to claims 1, 10 and 16 the Applicants have overcome these rejections. Claims 12, 14 and 17 which depend from claim 1 are also in allowable form. Accordingly, the Applicants request the rejections be withdrawn.

At page 24 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 2-6 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. By the foregoing amendment to claim 1 the Applicants have overcome this objection. Claims 2-6 which depend from claim 1 are in allowable form. Accordingly, the Applicants request the objection be withdrawn.

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Applicants submit that all claims pending in the patent application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issuance are earnestly solicited. The fee for a one (1) month extension of time is included herewith. In the event there are any fees due and owing in connection with this matter, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

Respectfully submitted,

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